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C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGKOK 8402

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TAGS: ESCAP, OCON

SUBJECT: ESCAP: ADJOURNMENT OF 32ND SESSION: GENERAL COMMENTS

SUMMARY: THE 32ND SESSION OF THE ESCAP ADJOURNED APRIL  
2 AT 12:35 P.M. MEETING ENDED ON A POSITIVE, LOW KEY  
BUT UP BEAT NOTE. US DEL GENERALLY SUCCESSFUL IN SECURING  
POSITIONS OF USG AND IN MAINTAINING MORE THAN SATISFACTORY  
POSITIVE RELATION TO MEMBERS, OBSERVERS AND THE SECRETARIAT.  
SEVERA INTERESTING DEVELOPMENTS ARE REPORTED BY WAY  
OF BACKGROUND FOR INFORMATION OF ADDRESSEES. END SUMMARY.

1. AT OUTSET OF SESSION, INDIAN AND SRI LANKAN DELS  
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INTRODUCED USUAL NIEO AND CERDS ISSUES AS PREAMBULAR

PARTS TO RESOLUTIONS ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, SHIPPING AND REGIONAL STRUCTURES. US DEL PROMPTLY AND FORCEFULLY RESPONDED WITH CATEGORIC ASSERTION THAT US, AND WE BELIEVE GENERAL, INTERESTS LIE IN ACTION RESULTS RATHER THAN POLITICAL RHETORIC. WE MADE CLEAR OUR DESIRE TO PRESERVE SPIRIT OF SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION BUT READINESS TO LEAVE NO STONE UNTURNED PROTECTING OUR RESERVATIONS IN RESPECT TO POLITICAL DECISIONS AND RESOLUTIONS WITH WHICH WE DID NOT THEN AND DO NOT NOW CONCUR. FAIRLY INTENSIVE LOBBYING AND INPUTS OF DEL RESULTED IN ULTIMATE WITHDRAWAL ALL REFERENCES TO THESE MATTERS WITH EXCEPTION OF LAST MINUTE COMPROMISE DRAFT ON SHIPPING WHICH UTILIZED PREFIX QUOTE BEARING IN MIND UNQUOTE IN RE NIEO AND QUOTED PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS ON WHICH US HAD NOT RESERVED AT SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION.

2. JAPAN AND INDIANS AGGRESSIVELY SOUGHT TO PRESS FOR INCREASED SHARE OF UN RESOURCES FOR ASIAN REGION. THEY ALSO PRESSED FOR MAINTENANCE OF REGIONAL ACTIVITY HERE BY UNDP EVEN IF THIS MAINTENANCE MEANT FURTHER REDUCTIONS IN RESOURCE ALLOCATIONS TO OTHER AREAS. US DEL IN CONSORT WITH OTHER FRIENDLIES SUCCESSFUL IN PRESERVING INTEGRITY OF UNDP CONSENSUS AND IN FACT JOINED WITH UK, NEW ZEALAND IN SQUELCHING ANY ACTION ON DECENTRALIZATION.

3. CHINESE AND RUSSIANS RESUMED THEIR ICEBERG WAR. CHINA SUCCESSFULLY PRESERVED ITS POSTURE AS LEGITIMATE AND FRIENDLY MEMBER OF REGION, WHILE INSISTING THAT USSRIS, IN ESSENCE, AND INTERLOPER MORE INTERESTED IN POLITICALIZATION THAN IN BASIC WELL BEING OF ESCAR.

4. WHILE SECRETARIAT GENERALLY HEAVILY ORIENTED TOWARD VIEWS OF INDIA AND SRI LANKA MEETING WAS SUCCESSFULLY PRESSED BY EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AND DONOR DELEGATIONS INTO A FAIRLY BALANCED STANCE IN RESPECT OF WORK PROGRAM, RELATIONSHIP TO HEADQUARTERS, AND PRIORITIES. OUR VIEW IS THAT MARAMIS CONDUCTED RESPONSIBLE DAMAGE CONTROL OPERATION AND UNDOUBTEDLY ASSURED HIS REAPPOINTMENT

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FOR ANOTHER THREE YEAR TERM COMMENCING JULY 1.

5. UNDP CAME UNDER HEAVY FIRE AS A RESULT OF ITS CASH CRISIS. ITS REPRESENTATIVES (COOMERASWAMI) REMAINED HERE FOR THE FIRST WEEK AND DID NOT SUCCEED IN CLEARLY EXPLAINING AND DEFENDING THE REASONS FOR THE REDUCTION IN RESOURCE AVAILABILITY. ADDITIONALLY, UNDP ERRED SUBSTANTIALLY BY DIRECTING ACROSS THE BOARD CUTS IN

PROGRAM ACTIVITY AS OPPOSED TO SELECTIVE REDUCTIONS ACCORDING TO VIEWS OF MEMBER STATES. AS HAS BEEN OUR IMPRESSION IN OTHER REGIONS, THIS MEAT AXE APPROACH WILL REQUIRE CONSIDERABLE TIME AND SKILL IF ITS FRANK IMPACT UPON RECIPIENT GOVERNMENTS IS TO BE HELD.

6. THE CHINESE WERE PARTICULARLY WARM AND FRIENDLY TOWARD US DEL. WE WERE ACCORDED HONOR POSITION AT THEIR ELABORATE DINNER. THEY ALSO VISITED AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE FOR FIRST TIME ON A OCCASION OF DELEGATION RECEPTION. THERE WERE NUMEROUS TOASTS AT THEIR BASH AND AT LEAST ONE WAS GIVEN CONSIDERABLE IMPORT BY THEIR INTERPRETER AND THOSE MORE FAMILIAR WITH CHINESE CUSTOMS THAN US DEL.

7. KOREAN CREDENTIALS DID NOT BECOME A MAJOR ISSUE, AND ROK WAS NOT MENTIONED BY NAME ALTHOUGH OBJECTIONS TO "ONE COUNTRY" WERE REGISTERED BY CHINA, PAKISTAN AND MONGOLIA. ROK DEL HAD STRICT INSTRUCTIONS TO MAKE AND ISSUE EVEN OF THIS BUT FOREBORE AFTER CHECKING WITH SEOUL ON OUR SUGGESTION THEY WOULD MERELY BUILD UP THEIR PROBLEM BY MAKING AN ISSUE OF IT.

8. FINALLY WE WERE IMPRESSED BY THE FACT THAT ALTHOUGH REPRESENTATION AT SESSION OF VERY SENIOR LEVEL, VIRTUALLY NO POLITICAL ISSUES OF CONSEQUENCE OR MAJOR ISSUES OF TRADE AND FINANCE WERE VIGOROUSLY PURSUED HERE. HAVING EARLY MADE CLEAR OUR HOPE THAT THE PROCEEDINGS OF UNCTAD IV AND SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS WOULD NOT BE PREJUDGED, THERE IS REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE FIRM BUT FORTHCOMING EXPRESSION OF OUR POSITION EARLY ON MAY HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THIS HIATUS. FINALLY, THE USUN REPS AT THIS SESSION WERE IMPRESSED BY THE ORDERLY AND RATHER BUSINESS-LIKE CONFIDENTIAL

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MANNER OF MOST DELEGATIONS (PARTICULARLY MALAYSIA, INDONESIA, THE PHILIPPINES AND BANGLADESH) IN SPITE OF THE TERRIFYING DIMENSIONS OF THE PROBLEMS OF STAVING OFF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL REGRESSION IN THIS AREA.  
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